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### **Statement by Speaker Cannon on Governor Scott's Statewide Drug Trafficking Strike Force**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park) today issued the following statement commending Florida Governor Rick Scott on the creation of a Statewide Drug Trafficking Strike Force.

"I applaud Governor Scott's vision for a comprehensive statewide strategy to address the problems of prescription and illegal drug abuse in our state.

"It is imperative that we provide law enforcement the tools necessary to fight this epidemic. I am proud that legislation currently moving through the Florida House includes both needed tools for law enforcement and a realistic plan to immediately stop unscrupulous doctor-dealers through a ban on the direct dispensing of highly addictive narcotics, which will make the Statewide Drug Trafficking Strike Force more effective.

"The Statewide Drug Trafficking Strike Force will be an essential tool for stemming the tide of abuse of prescription drugs in our state. As we continue to work on this critical legislation, I am confident that the resources we have allocated and tools we have developed can be used by law enforcement as they work to ensure that when it comes to prescription and illegal drug abuse, Florida is closed for business."

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